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Darvas, Minister for Construction Affairs, Gyoergy Parragi, a journalist, Istvan Horvath, the former confidant of the emigrated Imre Kovacs, Jozsef Czeh, a Member of Parliament, Dr. Istvan Szuecs, manager of the private enterprises of Balogh, and Ervin Gaspar, the head of the Forum Club.

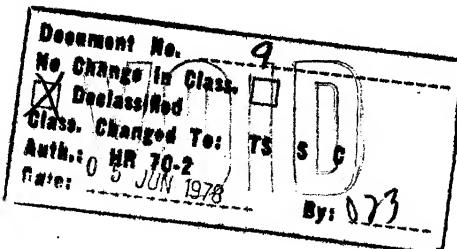
2. Istvan Balogh occasionally arranges such meetings. He delivers his speeches when ordered to do so by the Communists, who want to influence the middle classes and the intellectuals through him. Balogh stated in a speech on foreign issues delivered on 4 November 1949 that: "The main objective of the Soviet foreign policy is: not only to delay the outbreak of the war in order to win time, but to make such a war impossible. It would not be wise to deny that the Soviet Union is preparing for the possibility of war both in her own country and with her allies in all possible fields, but this is only done as a precautionary measure. The Soviet Union is not interested in any war, since she annexed new territory and is the leading power of Europe because of her special system of alliances, which resembles that of Ancient Rome. To these facts the penetrating power of the Communist ideology must be added. This ideology is infiltrating into those countries which are not yet included in the Soviet system of alliances. The Soviet Union is not interested in any change of the status quo which is very advantageous to her and which becomes more and more stable. Only the Western Powers are interested in a war. The West, however, does not feel confident of its power, consequently it lacks the will for war, which may be hoped for by many Hungarians. When analyzing the present situation Hungary must become aware of the fact that there will be no war in the foreseeable future, that is, within decades. The present Hungarian régime is thus able to consolidate in peace the conditions created by its governmental methods.

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Those political elements, however, who do not sympathize with the present regime, should realize that the present system is not threatened by any foreign intervention and that it would be best to accept it with patient submission."

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3. [REDACTED] the following directives have been issued for speeches on foreign policy to be delivered to the common people: The Western Powers are preparing for war. They, who are the warmongers, endanger peace but they are not as uniform and as closely connected as the Soviet Union and her allies. The Communist parties of the West are so strong that they rule the mood among their peoples. Thus the western governments are not in a position to set loose a war against the pressure of public opinion. All propaganda for war has become ineffective since it is known that the Soviet Union possesses atomic bombs. The latter fact made the warmongers hesitate and they are afraid of the combined power of the Soviet Union and her allies.

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[REDACTED] Comment:

The obvious trend of these speeches is to destroy the Hungarian hope of liberation by the Western Powers, so that the people will tolerate present conditions and collaborate.

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